

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  ALLTEL NEBRASKA, INC., AND ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC.	DOCKET NO. SPU-02-12 (TCU-96-17) (TCU-98-16)
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**ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATES**

(Issued October 14, 2002)

On July 16, 2002, Alltel Nebraska, Inc. (Alltel Nebraska), and Alltel Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (Alltel Communications), jointly filed a request to amend their certificates of public convenience and necessity to reflect corporate name changes. The parties filed additional information supporting actual transfer of certificates on October 10, 2002. The filing and supplemental information is identified as Docket No. SPU-02-12.

Alltel Nebraska and Alltel Communications are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Alltel Communications Corporation (ACC). Both companies have approved tariffs reflecting the correct corporate names on file with the Utilities Board (Board).

Alltel Nebraska is an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) currently providing local exchange service to a small number of Iowa customers pursuant to a certificate of public convenience and necessity previously issued on April 4, 1994, to Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company (Lincoln), identified as Certificate No.

0161. On September 20, 1999, ACC purchased Aliant Communications, f/k/a Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co., forming Aliant Communications Co., d/b/a Alltel (Aliant). In July 2001 Aliant changed its name to Alltel Nebraska, Inc., and now requests that the certificate previously issued to Lincoln on April 4, 1994, be transferred to Alltel Nebraska.

Alltel Communications is a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) operating in the Carter Lake, Council Bluffs, Crescent, Mineola, Missouri Valley, Neola, and Underwood, Iowa, exchanges pursuant to a certificate of public convenience and necessity previously issued on October 10, 1997, to Aliant Midwest, Inc., identified as Certificate No. 0174. On September 20, 1999, ACC purchased Aliant Communications, forming Aliant Midwest, Inc., d/b/a Alltel (Aliant Midwest). In July 2001, Aliant Midwest changed its name to Alltel Communications of the Midwest, Inc., and now requests that Certificate No. 0174, previously issued to Aliant Midwest on October 10, 1997, be transferred to Alltel Communications.

Both Alltel Nebraska and Alltel Communications state that they are ready, willing, and able to provide comparable utility service to their customers in the designated exchanges. Both companies have provided affidavits in support of their joint application that affirm Alltel Nebraska and Alltel Communications are in good financial condition and that they are able to provide the technical and managerial support necessary to provide service in those exchanges.

Based on the information provided, the Board finds that Alltel Nebraska and Alltel Communications have demonstrated a history of providing local exchange telecommunications service in compliance with the Board's rules and requirements and that they are ready, willing, and able to provide comparable service in the exchanges described above.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) provides that a local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Board finds the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with the public interest." The Board has reviewed the information submitted by Alltel Nebraska and Alltel Communications and finds the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service has been demonstrated. The Board finds it is in the public interest to approve the transfer of the certificates of public convenience and necessity of Lincoln and Aliant Midwest to Alltel Nebraska and Alltel Communications, respectively. Amended Certificate Nos. 0161 and 0174 will be issued concurrently with this order.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The joint request filed by Alltel Nebraska, Inc., and Alltel Communications of the Midwest, Inc., on July 16, 2002, as supplemented on October 10, 2002, to transfer certificates of public convenience and necessity is approved as described in this order.

2. An amended Certificate No. 0161, initially issued to Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company on April 4, 1994, is transferred to Alltel Nebraska, Inc., concurrently with this order.

3. An amended Certificate No. 0174, initially issued to Aliant Midwest, Inc., on October 10, 1997, is transferred to Alltel Communications of the Midwest, Inc., concurrently with this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2002.